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- [X] patent application of
[] continuation application of
[] continuation-in-part patent application of
- [] divisional application of
[] prior application information: Examiner _____
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For: **Novel Constructs and their use in Metabolic Pathway Engineering**

- [] For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
- [X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: 60/227,719 filed August 24, 2000, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- [] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [] continuation [] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. _____, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

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- [X] 82 pages of the description (including specification, claims and abstract)
[X] 10 sheet(s) of [] formal [X] informal drawing(s)
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[X] 104. number of claims
[] an assignment of the invention to _____
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